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Still money in the slots?

Western Fair District.

London raceway unscathed as OLG institutes first phase of new business plan



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Hugh Mitchell is confident that gaming has a future at the Western Fair District.

The district's chief executive officer has been upbeat about the Ontario Lottery

and Gaming Corporation's industry overhaul, and he remained that way on Wednesday as the closure of slots at three racetracks was announced.

"We're not alarmed, nor are we shocked," Mitchell said.

In fact, he sees "opportunity" in the changes — part of a plan to make OLG more

profitable to help pay down the province's \$16-billion deficit.

"We think we're well positioned in this city, in this market to be one of the key actors working with government," he said.

OLG's new business model, rolled out this week, indicated that "underperforming"

gaming facilities would be closed in favour of opening new ones closer to potential customers, including Toronto.

Wednesday's announcement targeted slots close to the U.S. border and near OLG casinos. Ten years ago, border casinos saw an annual net profit of \$800 million. That's

fallen to less than \$100 million today, gaming officials said.

OLG hasn't said if closures are planned at the remaining 14 racetracks that have slots, but some operations will be relocated nearer to "urban centres," officials have said.

Mitchell considers that a good omen for London and something on

Slated for closure**560**

Slots at the following horse-racing tracks will close on April 30, cutting 560 jobs: Fort Erie, Windsor and Sarnia.

which the fair district could "capitalize."



Hugh Mitchell, Western Fair District CEO, at the raceway grandstand on Wednesday, believes the district has a solid gaming future, despite OLG's decision to pull slots out of racetracks in three other Ontario cities. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO



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'He had more to lose than I did': McClintic

Murder trial. Young woman serving time for murdering Tori Stafford continues her testimony at the trial of the man also accused in the case

A jury is hearing that when Victoria Stafford was abducted outside her elementary school the man accused in the case said she wasn't young enough.

That testimony is coming from Terri-Lynne McClintic, who is serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder in the Grade 3 student's death.

McClintic, on the stand for a second day at Michael Rafferty's first-degree murder trial, says after she shoved Tori into the car Rafferty said "she wasn't young enough ... that it should have been a younger person."

Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

McClintic also told the court today that she originally told police Rafferty killed the girl — but she testified in court this week that she did it.

Court has heard that Tori was killed on April 8, 2009, and that McClintic was arrested on another matter on April 12.

She says Rafferty came to visit her in the detention centre, worried that she would



Tori Stafford. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

say something to police that would implicate him, but she told him she would take the fall for everything.

McClintic also says she wrote her recollection of the events of April 8 in a letter to her lawyer while in detention, including that Rafferty was the one who killed Tori with blows to the head from a hammer.

McClintic said Wednesday that she couldn't really believe what happened and that she couldn't believe she was capable of murder.

"It was against everything that I believe in, everything that I stand for," she said about the events of April 8.

Rafferty, wearing an ill-fitting three-piece suit, frequently smirked and muttered to himself throughout McClintic's testimony.

"I said that I would take the fall for everything, that I would say it was all me, that he had more to lose than I did," McClintic said.

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Taking great panes to set things right again

Lambton Glass and Mirror employee Brandon Butler, 25, of Chatham replaces a window Wednesday at Addictive Tattoos & Body Piercing (181 Dundas St.). The window was broken as firefighters battled a March 4 blaze at the second-storey business. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Boler Mountain. Ski season ending early

Boler Mountain started its ski season late and it will end early, thanks to unusually warm temperatures during March break, a time when the mountain is usually open and ready for an uptick in business.

Wednesday was the last day for local skiers to enjoy the slopes at Boler this season. It's the latest example of how frustrating the winter season has been for Boler officials. Earlier, they unveiled a new \$4-million hill, but skiers didn't get a chance to enjoy it as much as hoped because of the weather.

Boler Mountain held strong until this week, but the especially mild temperatures were

Temps too hot to handle

20 C

Expected highs Thursday and Friday.

too much. The temperature reached 20 C Tuesday and is expected to stay around that range for at least the rest of the week.

But when one door closes, another opens.

Boler Mountain will now turn its attention to its mountain biking season, which is expected to begin in a month.

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Orchestra London

Jackson tribute at Centennial Hall

Orchestra London's Red Hot Weekends series presents A Tribute to Michael Jackson: Two evenings of his most iconic hits.

Conductor Mitch Tyler leads Orchestra London, vocalists Gavin Hope, Katalin Kiss, Kathryn Rose, Lis Soderberg and the Jeans 'n Classics Band March 23 and 24 at 8 p.m. at Centennial Hall.

Tickets are \$37 to \$60 for adults; \$15 for students. Call 519-679-8778, or visit orchestralondon.ca. METRO

Burn victim

Student, 17, dies of injuries

A teen from the Aylmer area has died after suffering severe burns.

Matthew Pearce, 17, was burned in an accident in his grandparents' garage in Jaffa last month.

He died Tuesday at Toronto's Sunnybrook hospital after suffering third-degree burns to 40 per cent of his body.

Pearce attended East Elgin Secondary School. Counsellors are available to students at the school, which will be open Thursday between from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Detention centre

EMDC inmate rushed to hospital

Officials at the Elgin-Middlesex Detention Centre have confirmed an inmate was rushed to hospital following an "incident" at the notorious south London facility Wednesday morning.

Police were called to the jail shortly before 9 a.m. in response to an alleged assault.

An unidentified inmate was taken to hospital with injuries described only as "non-life-threatening." It was not immediately clear if any other inmates, or staff, were injured.

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Mobile news

Tube riders in London are getting wired in time for the Olympics with free Wi-Fi in the underground subway system during the games. Scan (if you're not underground) for the full story.



On the web

Funny talk after 9-11

Arab-Muslim standup comedy is flourishing more than a decade after 9-11, and the comedian who gained notoriety on the "Axis of Evil Comedy Tour" makes it clear he's trying to do more than just lampoon himself or his people for easy laughs. Watch at metronews.ca/video

Youth Council. More than 3,000 votes cast in advisory election

The new London Youth Advisory Council is almost ready to take on city hall.

Voting in the council's inaugural election ended late Tuesday with 3,586 online ballots cast — far exceeding coordinator Matt Ross' wildest dreams.

"It was pretty unbelievable," Ross, 23, of London said. "So many people were telling me: 'You won't even get 1,000 votes.'"

The council includes 17 youths — 13 elected at-large and four appointments to represent Fanshawe College, Western University, the Catholic School Board and the Thames Valley District School Board.

Members will start discussing policy recommendations for city council in September. Between now and then, Ross hopes to chat with each person elected and network with men-



tors who can help the council members reach individual goals.

The election winners range in age from 16 to 23 and come from diverse ethnic and political backgrounds, Ross said. Election results and profiles are posted at lyac.ca.

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Border. Women claim they were molested by guards at U.S. crossing

Three Canadian women have launched legal action alleging they were molested by female U.S. border guards while attempting to cross the border near Windsor, Ont.

In court documents filed in the U.S., Leslie Ingratta of Windsor, alleges two customs and border protection officers took her to a holding cell while she attempted to cross the Detroit-Windsor tunnel for a shopping trip to the States.

She says the guards conducted a search that included putting their hands under her bra and fondling her breasts, as well as rubbing

her genitals.

The lawsuit alleges officials questioned Ingratta repeatedly and accused her of lying about her reasons to travel, and argues the mental anguish and emotional suffering she endured during the incident violated her rights.

In a second joint lawsuit, two women from Windsor and Milton say they were strip-searched in an inappropriate manner, saying the guards put their fingers into their anuses and vaginas.

One was eight months pregnant at the time.

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Comic books come alive

Ibrahim Aireche, 10, of London, strikes his best Captain America pose while visiting the London Public Library's Comic Book Jam on Wednesday with his mother, Kelly Lynn. Along with getting art tips from comic-book creators and picking up free swag, kids and adults were encouraged to morph into their favourite characters for the event.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO



London Lightning forward Gabe Freeman drives toward the basket against the Summerside Storm's Jared Carter during a March 4 game at the John Labatt Centre. Freeman was named NBL Canada most valuable player Wednesday. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Freeman enjoying respite before final

Basketball. League says difficulties scheduling facilities in Quebec and Halifax led to the delay between semifinals



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Sometimes, the waiting is the easiest part.

The London Lightning clinched a berth in the NBL Canada final on Friday, but won't tip off for the championship until the weekend at the JLC.

That's just fine with Lightning forward — and league

MVP — Gabe Freeman.

"It's been good," said Freeman, who led the league in rebounds and was third in scoring in the regular season. "It worked out in our favour.... We're still having good practices and things like that."

"It's been a long season, and some of the guys are beat up. Myself — beat up. It's good recovery time for us."

The Halifax Rainmen can advance to the final with a win over the Quebec Kebs on Thursday. If that happens, Game 1 of the championship will be Saturday at 7 p.m. If Quebec extends the series, Game 1 of the final is Sunday at 4 p.m.

In the regular season, London went 5-1 against Halifax,

but only 3-3 against Quebec.

No matter, says Freeman.

"Both of those teams are similar," said the six-foot-seven, 215-pounder. "We have a game plan of what we're going to do. If we execute our plan and do what we got to do, no matter what team we play, we'll be all right."

So while the Lightning are preparing for the inaugural league championship, it's not like they're doubling up on the strategy sessions, depending on who they play.

"That's never the idea, to cater to another team," said Freeman. "Once you start trying to work on what they're doing, you start to fall into their hands. We want them to come to our place, and when we go there — they're going to play our

All-Stars

London Lightning players who were selected for NBL Canada all-star teams, announced Wednesday:

- **First-team All-NBL Canada.** Gabe Freeman
- **Second team All-NBL Canada.** Tim Ellis
- **First-team All-Defence.** Freeman
- **Second-team All-Defence.** DeAnthony Bowden

basketball.

"No matter what the situation is, we're going to make them play our game."



Western launches digital program

Western University's faculty of information and media studies (FIMS) is launching a program that will provide students with tools to work within social media, virtual worlds and other forms of online communication.

The digital communication certificate program is open to all undergraduate

and graduate students and may be pursued concurrently with the completion of other degrees.

FIMS is holding an information meeting for prospective students on Monday, March 26 at the Western journalism TV studio, which is located on the second floor of the North Campus Build-

ing.

The event, which will also be streamed online, is open to all and begins at 12:30 p.m. Those interested in following the proceedings via Twitter are encouraged to use the hashtag #FIMS.

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U.S. guards molested us, women say

Legal action. Female officials left three Canadian travellers traumatized at the border, court documents claim

Lawyer's case

"These women were sexually molested at the border and there's no excuse for that."

Thomas Wiener, a U.S. lawyer who is representing the women

Three Canadian women have launched legal action alleging they were molested by female U.S. border guards while attempting to cross the border near Windsor.

Leslie Ingratta of Windsor alleges two customs and border protection officers took her to a holding cell for questioning when she attempted to cross the Detroit-Windsor tunnel on Jan. 30, 2011, for a shopping trip to the U.S.

The lawsuit alleges officials questioned Ingratta repeatedly and accused her of lying about her reasons for travelling before ordering her to face a wall.

With her arms and legs spread, the officials conducted a search that included putting their hands under her bra and fondling her breasts, as well as grabbing her buttocks and rubbing her genitals, the suit alleges.

She was then taken back to the waiting room, crying and shaking, and told she was "clear to enter the United States."

"By this point, plaintiff was too traumatized to continue on her trip and returned to Canada," court documents say.

In a second, joint lawsuit two women from Windsor and Milton, Ont., claim they were strip-searched in an inappropriate manner while travelling together across the Ambassador Bridge on March

5, 2010, to attend a music concert.

They allege the guards put their fingers into their anuses and vaginas, and fondled each of their bare breasts "in a prolonged, deliberate manner."

One of the women was eight months pregnant at the time.

All the searches, the documents allege, were conducted without any reasonable suspicion that that type of search was warranted.

None of the allegations have been tested in court.

Thomas Wiener, a Rochester, Mich.-based lawyer, who represents all three women, said he believes there could be more victims and is encouraging them to come forward.

"It is proper under some circumstances for a security pat-down to be performed, or even a limited personal search if there's reasonable suspicion that a person is concealing contraband on his or her body," said Wiener.

"But there is a big difference between that and what amounts to sexual groping, which is what happened with each of the women involved in these cases."

Wiener said it is not yet known if the same guards were involved in all the incidents.

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The unusual weather suits this golfer to a tee

Now here's a sight you don't often see in March. A golfer drives a few balls at Shooters Golf Course in Winnipeg on Wednesday. The course driving range is normally shuttered until late spring. Not this year. Like much of southern Ontario, the Prairies are experiencing a heatwave. Winnipeg temperatures are regularly hitting the low teens and 22 C is forecast for Friday. Normal Winnipeg temperature at this time of year? Below zero. Brrrr. CHRIS D. CA

Surgery

Drug shortage putting pressure on hospitals

A drug shortage is worrying anesthesiologists across the country.

They fear they won't have enough drugs for surgery or sedatives and painkillers.

Sandoz Canada cut production of more than 100 medications after U.S. concerns about quality. A fire also affected a plant.

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Tragedy

Quebecer on cruise ship dies after snorkelling

A Canadian tourist has died after a snorkelling outing from a cruise ship, say police on the Caribbean island of Dominica.

Yvette Prince, 61, was with friends when she collapsed. She was declared dead at a hospital.

Prince, from Quebec, was a passenger on the Norwegian Dawn.

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Food

Forget politics, PQ puts the bite on halal meat

The Parti Québécois is sounding the alarm over an Islamic food ritual, calling slaughter for halal meat an affront not only to the rights of animals but to Quebec values.

The party is worried mainstream companies are selling the meat without any labelling to unsuspecting Quebecers.

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Gender

Some Alberta men say it's OK to hit a woman: poll

Almost one in 10 Alberta men believes hitting a woman is okay if she makes them angry, says a recent poll.

The Leger Marketing survey also found 40 per cent of the men say women who dress provocatively risk being raped. One thousand men were surveyed.

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Airline workers protest order



Air Canada union workers protest in Ottawa. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Air Canada union workers continued to protest outside government offices in Ottawa Wednesday, after federal politicians imposed an arbitration order that forces the airline to keep flying.

Bill C-33, which passed Wednesday morning, covers about 8,600 mechanics, baggage handlers and other ground crew at Air Canada and about 3,000 pilots.

Labour Minister Lisa Raitt had proposed the back-to-

work legislation on Monday, saying a work stoppage at Air Canada was something the country could not afford. The government had invoked closure on Tuesday afternoon, setting up the final vote in the House of Commons.

But the union representing the mechanics and other workers said Tuesday that the decision to impose arbitration on its talks with the airline eroded labour rights.

International Association

of Machinists and Aerospace Workers executive Daven Ritchie said the bill would "poison labour relations across Canada."

Under the "final offer selection" arbitration process, the union and airline will put forward their best offer and an arbitrator will select one.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where the Conservatives are expected to use their majority for speedy passage.

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A juicy chicken filet — made in Prof. Fu-hung Hsieh's laboratory. UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Lab-grown meat looks, feels, tastes like chicken

Food revolution.

Biological engineers have succeeded in creating edible meat from stem cells



ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

"Let there be animals," said God, and He created chickens, cattle and fish. Actually, it's not God. It's Fu-hung Hsieh, professor of biological engineering at the University of Missouri.

Hsieh makes chicken. That's right: He creates chicken out of nothing — tasty filets that look, feel and taste like the real bird.

"Laboratory-grown meat needs to mimic the appearance and bite of natural meat," said Hsieh. "In the past, researchers haven't been able to recreate the appearance, so consumers wouldn't eat the artificial meat."

But even foodies would have a hard time telling natural chicken apart from Hsieh's new chicken. It's now being produced for use in restaurants.

Hsieh stands at the forefront of a global food revolution. Biological engineers in several countries have recently succeeded in creating edible meat that looks appealing. Earlier this year a Dutch researcher created the world's first laboratory-grown edible hamburger.

"We've made big steps in

How it works:

1 To create an artificial hamburger, steak, or chicken breast, scientists take stem cells from animals and grow them into a 3-D shape.

2 Then they grow the cells into muscle cells. As with natural muscle cells, the cultivated muscle cells "bulk up" into solid muscle bundles.

3 As soon as the muscle cells grow in size, it's important that the tissue is continuously supplied with nutrients.

4 The scientists then create chain products, similar to blood veins. "The easiest meat to create is sausage," explains van der Schaft. "It doesn't have to look attractive like a steak."

creating laboratory-grown meat, but the result isn't something I'd eat at this moment," said Dr. Daisy van der Schaft, a biomedical engineer at Eindhoven University in the Netherlands. "Part of the problem is that the gel that binds the cells together contains animal-derived material and actually also material derived from mouse tumours."

Professor Hsieh and his team are now about to create turkey, beef and fish.

"That's very different from chicken," he said. "With fish, especially, you have the additional challenge of replicating many different colours."

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Bill targets Viagra users

Men's health. A U.S. senator has put forth a bill that would require men to undergo a medical exam before being prescribed drug

An Ohio state senator says she only wants to look out for men's health — the way men look out for women's — by introducing a bill that would require Viagra users to first get medical exams and affidavits of impotency from their partners.

"This isn't about restricting it," Democrat Nina Turner explained to the To-

ronto Star on Wednesday. "We are purely looking out for men's health and their well-being so they fully understand their options."

By men, she particularly means the conservatives behind the sudden uproar about birth control and abortion in the United States.

"It is crucial that we take the appropriate steps to shelter vulnerable men from the potential side effects of these drugs," said the Cleveland Democrat. "I see birth control, abortion and Viagra as all part of reproductive health."

Bill 307 would require a man who wanted a prescription for erectile dysfunction to "have a long conversation with

Looking out for men?

"The men in our lives generously devote time to fundamental female reproductive issues — the least we can do is return the favour."

U.S. Sen. Nina Turner

a sexual therapist to determine whether or not this is physical or mental," said Turner.

Republican state legislators have used options and risks as their rationale for restricting access to birth control and abortion.

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Bill 307 would restrict access to Viagra. TOBY TALBOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Backlash. Principal resigns after anti-gay, anti-abortion assembly

The principal of an Iowa secondary school that allowed members of a Christian rock band to espouse their anti-gay, anti-abortion views while showing students images of fetuses that had apparently been aborted is resigning.

Mike Cooper, who oversees grades 7-12 at the school in Dunkerton, will tender his resignation Monday and remain on the job through the end of the school year, Dunkerton Superintendent Jim Stanton told the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier for a story published Tuesday.

Stanton said Cooper's deci-

Preaching hate

"They told my daughter, the girls, that they were going to have mud on their wedding dresses if they weren't virgins."

Jennifer Littlefield, parent

sion is not related to Cooper's recommendation that the district invite the band Junkyard Prophet to perform at last week's assembly, and said the plan had been "in the works" for nearly a month.

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Northern boom

North set for future growth

The Conference Board says a global commodities boom is igniting a fire under Canada's three northern territories.

Real gross domestic product growth will collectively top seven per cent in both 2012 and 2013, more than three times the national average.

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Car coup

Vehicle sales up across Canada

Statistics Canada reported a 15.4 per cent rise in vehicles sold in January to 153,623 units from 133,146 units sold in December.

The data indicates sales rose at the fastest pace in more than 15 years in January, economist Robert Kavcic said Wednesday in a report by BMO Economics.

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Succession plan

Investors seek Berkshire disclosure

A group of Berkshire Hathaway investors from the AFL-CIO wants to require the company to reveal Warren Buffett's successor.

The union wants to require the company to disclose a written succession plan that includes the criteria for the next chief executive.

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Car sales hit 15-year high in January.
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Wireless market. Foreign investment restrictions lifted for telecom firms

Ottawa moved Wednesday to level the wireless playing field by placing limits on the coming wireless spectrum auction and lifting foreign-investment limits on small telecom firms in an effort to boost competition.

Industry Minister Christian Paradis says the new measures will allow new wireless carriers into the market and foster greater competition in the telecom industry after the auction expected next year.

Canada's wireless market is dominated by Telus, Rogers and Bell.

The changes to the auction rules will let at least four companies obtain spectrum in each of Canada's 14 licence areas, effectively making one block available for one of the smaller players.

As well, companies with less than 10 per cent of the telecom market will no longer have restrictions on foreign investment.

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Members of the Renaud family play on their wireless devices as Minister of Industry Christian Paradis makes an announcement in Russell, Ont., on Wednesday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wall Street. Goldman Sachs exec resigns with scathing NYT op-ed

An executive director at investment giant Goldman Sachs resigned Wednesday by way of a scathing op-ed in the New York Times, decrying a work environment he described as "toxic and destructive" and where employees systematically try to come up with ways to fleece their clients.

Greg Smith's editorial firebomb is certain to renew debate in the United States about how much Wall Street has truly changed following the widespread financial



Goldman Sachs' headquarters in N.Y.C. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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PUTTING THE CLUB BACK IN SEAL CLUBBING



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As “pop” “super” “star” Ke\$ha throws her weight (90 pounds) behind the fight against the Atlantic Canadian seal hunt, the question must be asked: Who spoke for the seals before pop culture sucked?

Every year there's some sort of celebrity who clubs us over the head with the message that Newfoundlanders and Maritimers are barbarians for taking part in a tightly controlled hunt of sea mammals (horrors!).

There's been Pamela Anderson, MacGyver, an America's Top Model host, and generally just a cavalcade of Z-listers who need something to do now that there's no such thing as Hollywood Squares.

What the \$#!%!

And this year there's Ke\$ha, trying to \$ave the \$eals, despite an apparent shortage of funds which keeps her from replacing the S on her keyboard.

And this year there's Ke\$ha trying to \$ave the \$eals despite an apparent shortage of funds that keeps her from replacing the S on her keyboard. The irony in this case being that her music can kill surrounding animal and plant life at 100 paces.

All celebrity-bashing aside, there are only a couple of reasons why people care about the seal hunt.

First and foremost, seals are so cute they're basically children's toys with intestines. The acceptability of animal slaughter is based entirely on how adorable a species is. That's why you never see a supermodel on the ice floes promoting the Save the Flounder foundation.

The second reason is that seals are killed for one brief period each year, which by definition makes it news. No media outlet covers the bloody slaughter of cows, chicken and sheep because it's 365, 24-7, and budgets these days don't allow that kind of in-depth reporting.

I feel particularly bad for the cow. It's dopey-looking *and* is killed by the tens of millions. That's why many celebrities have posed for those Got Milk? ads. Think about that. Famous people pose with *the food made for the cows' children* smeared on their face, all with a big smile. Barbarians.

If you're a vegetarian, cool, add the seal hunt to the list of things that offend your sensibilities. But if you like steak, chicken or lobster, then you're a hypocrite, and possibly a big, fat one.

I just looked it up, and Ke\$ha is a vegetarian, so I guess she's off the hook. The seal hunt is a heated discussion, but I'm always up for differing, honestly held opinions.

I call a truce, Ke\$ha. If we're ever in Newfoundland at the same time, let's go clubbing.



Ke\$ha, the face of the seal protest.
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Hotdog diplomacy



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Home-court advantage

U.S. and U.K. bond over hotdogs

DAYTON, OHIO. U.S. President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron take a break with hotdogs at a college basketball game.

Cameron and wife, Samantha, are on a three-day visit to the United States. A “sports-fan-in-chief,” Obama has his own basketball court in the White House premises.

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Shooter

“It’s fast, it’s pretty fast and furious. It’s hard to follow sometimes exactly who’s done what wrong.”

David Cameron
On the basketball game he attended.

Point guard

“David Cameron is going to teach me the rules of cricket.”

Barack Obama
After Cameron admitted Obama had to explain the rules of basketball.

Three-pointer

Their wives promote health

HEALTH. While the president and prime minister were busy scarfing down unhealthy food, their respective wives — Michelle Obama and Samantha Cameron — attended an Olympics-themed event in Washington, D.C., for kids to highlight the London 2012 Games and Mrs. Obama’s anti-obesity campaign.

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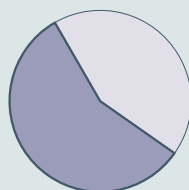
Pamela Anderson doesn't wear fur. She doesn't wear much of anything, actually.
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I knew about #pomo before they went all Mainstream

Art students look at the history of hipsters. Exhibition up at ArtLab Gallery until later this month



BACKSTAGE PASS
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Some people can't stand hipsters. Others might not know who they are or where that word came from.

A group of art students in the Gallery Practices class at Western University are delve further into the word "hipster." In the exhibition Mainstreaming #pomo, the students exploring hipsters throughout history, as well as the role social media has played in popularizing the so-called subculture.

Plaid shirts, black thick-rimmed glasses, skinny jeans and a love for obscure music — these are just some of the characteristics commonly associated with hipsters.

"The hipster is notorious for shunning anything that becomes mainstream, especially when it comes to music, fashion and film," says student Sarah Foster.

"One of the most confusing things about hipster culture is that they say they don't want to be mainstream, yet they've created a culture where they are so alike," says student Arielle Kohl. "As they become more popular, popular culture assimilates their tastes."

The subculture started in a small area in New York, and the Internet and social media has allowed it to spread further and faster than past fringe movements, says Foster.

The students trace the evolution of the word back through time to the 1940s, when the hipster was someone who enjoyed hot jazz and emulated the lifestyle of largely black jazz musicians.

Other subcultures that the contemporary hipster draws inspiration from include the beats, hippies, punks and grungers.

"The hipster used to be more of an outsider, sometimes even sort of criminal," says Kohl. "Today it's sitting in Starbucks drinking coffee, using your apple product, being an art student or artist."

The exhibition features a timeline tracking the evolution of the hipster, and appropriated objects like the iconic black thick-rimmed glasses and a converse shoe.

Music is also an integral part of the exhibition.

"We've created a bunch of mix tapes. It's all very obscure, strange, hipsteresque music, and iconic older bands that hipsters look back to," says student Kimberly Barten. "Music was a key influence throughout the whole evolution of the hipster."

A lounge area with headphones includes music from Nouvelle Vague, Gogol Bordello, Elliot Smith, Daniel Johnston, Talking Heads, Dead Kennedys, the Ramones, Sonic Youth and Buddy Holly. When asked if they think of themselves as hipsters, student Megan Mahoney said, "I like some of the art and music hipsters like. Does that make me one? I don't know."

Kohl smiled slyly, saying, "A hipster would never identify himself as a hipster."

The exhibition will remain up until March 22 in the Artlab Gallery located in the John Labatt Visual Arts Centre on Western University campus.



Kimberly Barten paints a wall for the exhibition Mainstreaming #pomo, with Megan Mahoney, centre, and prof. Susan Edelstein in the background / MILA PETKOVIC METRO LONDON

Judd has been Missing from television

Actress plays a CIA agent who is pulled back into her old life. Missing premieres on CTV Thursday

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Ashley Judd says the decision to return to TV with the spy drama Missing didn't come easily.

"There was a lot of hesitation. I was really torn right up until I decided to do it," says Judd, who is best known for such big screen movies as Kiss The Girls and Double Jeopardy.

"But part of what attracted me to this project was the premise — which was very simple and compelling. I'm a mother looking for her missing child."

Which is true. To a point. In Missing, Judd does indeed play Rebecca Winstone, a middle-aged widow who is

horrified when her son goes missing while vacationing in Europe.

But when the authorities prove no help, Winstone heads to Europe, where she quickly reveals her past life as a CIA operative who can kick some serious butt when things turns deadly.

"I only get back involved with the CIA so I can find my son. But to my great dismay, I start to get pulled back into that old life."

Missing premieres Thursday on CTV.



Ashley Judd has decided to make a return to television HANDOUT

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In brief

Hollywood tries to Bully AMA

More Hollywood heavyweights, including Johnny Depp, are joining the call for a lower rating on the teen-focused documentary Bully. Lee Hirsch's documentary on bullying in American schools has been rated R for language. Distributors appealed the decision, but it was upheld by the Motion Picture Association of America, which oversees movie ratings. In Canada, provinces which have already rated the documentary have given it a PG rating.

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On the Web



'American Idol' finalist among top 12 tweets that he's off the show

Brothers with the pen and the lens

Q&A. Metro chats with one half of the creative team behind new film *Jeff, Who Lives at Home*



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Filmmaker brothers Jay and Mark Duplass do everything together — write, direct, conduct interviews. So we took it as a rare treat when, due to a scheduling conflict, we got to interview Jay on his own for their new film, *Jeff, Who Lives at Home*.

But if you're looking for simmering sibling tensions, don't get your hopes up. The quieter Duplass Brother passed on the opportunity to badmouth Mark.

Where did the story for this film come from?

We actually wrote a short film in 2003. It wasn't titled anything, we just wrote a very short film about this character and it was about him in his basement apartment.

It was inspired by the character, someone who is totally obsessed with the concept of destiny, their place in the world, their connection to their destiny, signs leading from one place to the next — potentially smoking marijuana.

And the concept was that we would take this person and thrust them in the world. And actually make them interact with the real world and some point and hopefully it would be funny.

It is funny, but it's also a very realistic, dramatic film.

Now that we have made a few films, we're realizing that a lot of times what we do is we start in on the comedic side of things — and I think that's how we experience characters like Jeff in our own life. You see a guy like Jeff at the supermarket, you're probably going to tap your spouse and giggle about the guy who is smelling the fruit a little too long.

But you get to know this person — they have dreams, they have hopes and they probably have a dark side. They probably have a really dark side if they are in that



Co-writer/co-directors Mark Duplass, left, and Jay Duplass on the set of their film *Jeff, Who Lives at Home*, from Paramount Pictures and Indian Paintbrush. HANDOUT

position where they're smelling fruit for too long, you know?

Where do you get the ideas for your films usually?

Mark and I have always sat in airports and in our apartments and told each other stories about these really

embarrassing, cringe-worthy things that we've done in our relationships or that some friends of ours has done, and we'll be like, "Oh, that's awful."

It's very dramatic. And then we'll start giggling about it. And I now know that that's what we're do-

ing in our movies. We're relating insanely specific and realistic things that happen between people and cringing about it and giggling about after. It's obvious now that that's what Mark and I have uniquely to offer the world, but that was such a painful, long-term process of find-

ing that. We are terrified of looking out and looking at other filmmakers. We are completely focused on just staying within ourselves and staying within our peer group.

You've been brothers your whole lives, but when did you start creating together?

We've been creating together since Mark was born. We just grew up in a very creative family. We're just kind of from a middle-class New Orleans family, and my dad's a lawyer, my mom took care of us and now she does retail.

But when we were growing up, we baked, we made stained glass out of plastic Mardi Gras beads — and probably contaminated ourselves the whole way through. We did make movies with the giant VCR with the VTR attached, the separate unit. I would carry the camera and Mark would have to lug the VTR. We were in bands together.

So we've always made things and we've always functioned as a unit. You have to put credits up there, but Mark and I just make stuff.

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Case closed ... Gillian Anderson admits to having lesbian affair

X-Files star Gillian Anderson confirms to Out magazine that she's no stranger to same-sex romance.

"I was in a relationship with a girl for a long time when I was in high school," the 43-year-old actress says, adding that she had additional flings with other women.

"You know, I'm old enough that I can talk about that." Anderson acknowledges that the dalliances might have had a bigger impact on her had they played a bigger role in her romantic life.

"If I had thought I was 100 per cent gay, would it have been a different experience for me?" she wonders.

"It's possible that my attitude around it came, on some level, from knowing that I still liked boys."



Gillian Anderson GETTY IMAGES

Lawrence tried to squash beef before it became an issue

Jennifer Lawrence isn't in a hurry to make any enemies in Hollywood, so when a tabloid story suggested she was feuding with Twilight star Kristen Stewart, the Hunger Games star did everything she could to quash it before it kicked off.

"There were all these like, fake quotes from me that were actually hilarious. Some of them were from my 'pal' and 'sources,'" Lawrence tells Access Hollywood.

"Then I was like, 'Oh my God. If she reads this, what if she thinks it's true?' I just shot her an email, and was like, 'Hey, can't wait to see more as this feud unfolds!'"

Stewart, no stranger to being tabloid fodder, took it in stride.

"She wrote me back," says Lawrence. "She was like, 'It's fine. Welcome to the world where everything you say gets turned into (something it's not).' So, she understood."



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LiLo watch



Lohan could see a hit and run charge



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It's been, what? A hot minute since Lindsay Lohan hasn't been in trouble with the law?

Her days-long winning streak is seemingly coming to an end after allegedly hitting a man with her brand new black Porsche and fleeing the scene in Hollywood late Tuesday night, according to TMZ.

Lohan was reportedly trying to execute

a three-point turn and avoid paparazzi while leaving a nightclub when her car made contact with the manager of a nearby hookah lounge.

The manager, whose knee was supposedly grazed, initially said he was fine and didn't need medical attention, according to paparazzi on the scene. But when he was informed that Lohan was behind the wheel, he reportedly began complaining about being injured.

The man was taken to the emergency room and is said to be considering hiring a lawyer and pressing charges.

Police sources tell the website that they will open a hit-and-run investigation if the man decides to press charges.



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Tell-all book could net Perry a multi-million dollar payday

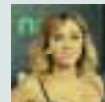
Katy Perry has reportedly been flooded with offers to write a tell-all book about her divorce from Russell Brand, with one publisher offering \$3.1 million for the story, according to the Sun.

There's no word on whether she's considering the offer, but some speculate that her

recent silence seems suspect. "When everything was going well, Katy couldn't stop talking about him," a source notes.

"Since the split, neither of them have said anything — keeping the price of a deal high."

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The fresh, the future and the forget it of fashion

Four weeks later.

We attempt to make sense of a chaotic month of catwalks

KENYA HUNT

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NOW

The decorated waist

Inhale and hold. The waist was a major focal point for the fall shows.

Burberry Prorsum highlighted it with little bows, Etro played it up with horsey harnesses and pep-lums, while Fendi and Acne cinched it with wide, sculpting belts. This is probably the easiest idea to adopt now. Simply grab a ribbon and tie it around any one of spring's trendy, lady-like dresses.

Clothes you can breathe in

Despite all the nipped and cinched waists we've seen all month, there was also an overall no-squeezing-required easiness to a lot of the clothes designers showed for fall.

Basically, you don't have to have the perfect body to pull them off.

Think relaxed and slouchy trousers (as seen at Balenciaga, Dries van Noten and Proenza Schouler, to name a few) and skirts that are forgivingly full and knee length (Marc Jacobs, Rodarte and Rochas are good examples).

So go ahead and eat the bun that came with that hamburger.

NEXT FALL

Dark and moody

The darker the colour, the more on-trend you'll be next fall. Burgundy, oxblood and purple were the colours of the season in New York and London showing up everywhere from Diane von Furstenberg to Jason Wu to Christopher Kane.

And black dominated Milan and Paris — just look at Gucci, Alberta Ferretti, Roberto Cavalli, Givenchy and Yves Saint Laurent for proof. You get extra points if you go dark from head

Huge problems

"Steer clear of any garment that looks like it could eat you for lunch or take up its own seat on the subway unless you are a fashionista with the most advanced degree."

Kenya Hunt, Metro World News

to toe à la Rooney Mara, the most referenced girl of the month. But we suggest holding off until September before you start rocking this look. The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo goth thing can get a little hot and sweaty in spring.

Look-at-me outerwear

Technically, every autumn/winter show is an outerwear show. Coats and jackets are one of those items that women rarely skimp on, so designers like to give plenty to choose from here.

That said, the outerwear reached new heights when it comes to fabric innovation and embellishment — that's a good thing when you consider that the winter coat is the only thing a person really sees on the street in winter.

Our votes for season's best goes to Prada (decorative and ornamental), Alexander Wang (slick, sleek and urban) and Jil Sander (soft, chic and romantic).

NEVER

Anything that appears to swallow you whole

Outsize coats and dresses are having a moment again thanks to Marc Jacobs and Comme des Garçons. But word to the wise: steer clear of any garment that looks like it could eat you for lunch or take up its own seat on the subway unless you are a fashionista with the most advanced degree.

Animals appearing 2D and 3D on clothing

Jeremy Scott attached a giant white unicorn to a black evening dress. And Jean-Charles de Castelbajac affixed life-size toucan heads to the shoulders of tweed suits. But unless your name is Lady Gaga, neither of these looks will go over well in the day-to-day.



Diane von Furstenberg / GETTY IMAGES



Jeremy Scott / GETTY IMAGES



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Music à la mode

If the clothes could sing

When soundtracks go right

The playlist for Raf Simons' last Jil Sander show included The Smashing Pumpkins' 'Tonight', Mazzy Star's 'Fade Into You', and Sonic Youth's cover of Superstar. It was poignant and slightly melancholic, helping to get the audience appropriately choked up for Simons' final bow.

And when they go wrong

Sportmax showed a solid, polished collection. But that's not what everyone was talking about after the show. That would actually be the soundtrack, which was randomly filled with the raunchiest hip hop club bangers including The Ying Yang Twins' notoriously perky 'Whisper Song'.

The Azealia vs. Lana sing-off

It was the month of Azealia Banks' 212 and Lana del Rey's Video Games with their music popping up at Unique, Blugirl, Etro, Tracy Reese, the list goes on. That said, maybe it's time for these ladies to drop a new single?



Prada / GETTY IMAGES

A dash of creativity results in delicious – and healthy – eats

Ingredients

4 portions
Preparations: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 20 minutes

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) fresh whole-wheat bread crumbs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) shelled pistachios, finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 egg white
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 4 small white fish fillets (about 500 g/1 lb)
- 10 ml (2 tsp) canola oil

Chunky Roasted Red Pepper Sauce

- 5 ml (1 tsp) canola oil
- Half small onion, finely diced
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 jar (340 ml/12 oz) roasted red peppers, drained and diced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sodium reduced chicken broth
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) liquid honey

Fish. If you think healthy eating only consists of bland salads, think again. This recipe boasts a tasty pepper sauce

The soft meatiness of colourful pistachios contrasts with the crisp garlic crust of the fish. Choose catfish, tilapia, haddock or cod fillets.

1 In a shallow dish, combine bread crumbs, pistachios, garlic and pepper.

2 In another shallow dish, whisk together egg white and mustard. Coat fish fillets with mustard mixture and coat in bread crumb mixture.

3 In a large ovenproof non-stick skillet, heat 10 ml (2 tsp) oil; cook fish on medium-high heat for 2 minutes. Turn over and place in a 220 C (425 F) oven for about

Pistachio-Crusted Whitefish With Roasted Red Pepper Sauce.



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

8 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with a fork.

4 Meanwhile, in a small non-stick skillet or saucepan, heat 5 ml (1 tsp) oil over medium heat and cook onion and parsley for about 5

minutes or until softened.

5 Add peppers, broth and honey and bring to a simmer. Simmer for about 2 minutes or until some of the

broth has evaporated. Serve over fish fillets. **DEVELOPED BY EMILY RICHARDS FOR THE HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO, HEARTANDSTROKE.CA/ THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Book of the Week

Leslie Beck's Healthy Kitchen

Leslie Beck's Healthy Kitchen is a must-have staple, with 250 recipes and quick ways to help you eat the healthiest diet possible, including meal-planning tips, getting portion sizes right and cooking methods.

Enjoy Cranberry Apple Granola for breakfast, Lentil Salad with Citrus Yogurt Dressing for lunch, Cashew Mango Trail Mix for a snack, Easy Fish Tacos for dinner, and Blueberries Topped with Candied Almonds for dessert. On weekends, make Smoked Salmon and Dill Frittata or Banana Flax Pancakes to start your family's day. Beck's easy recipes are great for entertaining, too.

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Strawberry Mini Muffins. Bite-sized morsels make a perfect light dessert

Bite into these mini muffins for a sweet treat with a cup of tea or tuck them into tote-along lunches.

1 In a small bowl and using a potato masher, mash 250 ml (1 cup) of the strawberries; set aside.

2 In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, wheat bran, baking powder, ginger and baking soda; set aside.

3 In a large bowl and using a wooden spoon, stir together margarine and sugar until combined. Stir



This recipe makes 24 muffins. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

in egg and vanilla. Stir in mashed strawberries. Gradually add flour mixture and stir until just combined. Stir in yogurt and remaining chopped strawberries until well distributed.

4 Divide batter among 24 lightly greased mini muffin cups. Top muffins with

sliced strawberries.

5 Bake in a 190 C (375 F) oven for about 20 minutes or until tops of muffins spring back when lightly pressed. **DEVELOPED BY EMILY RICHARDS FOR THE HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO, HEARTANDSTROKE.CA/ THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ingredients

- 325 ml (1 1/3 cups) diced fresh strawberries, divided
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) natural wheat bran
- 5 ml (1 tsp) baking powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground ginger
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking soda
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) soft non-hydrogenated margarine
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) plain low-fat yogurt
- 6 small strawberries

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Stripped down style isn't just for bachelors and serial killers



This style works well in large, open spaces. CONTRIBUTED

Utilitarian decor.

More of us are embracing this style of decor for its clean simplicity. It's all about being understated.

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The utilitarian look doesn't have to resemble a vacant factory floor. We spoke to designer Adrienne Chinn about making hard-edged feel homely.

Putting your interior faith in the utilitarian look has a similar ring to that of joining a particularly strict religious sect. In other words, it sounds spartan, clinical and practical, with little room for creative expres-

sion and individualism.

Of course, that's not the case, it being an increasingly popular trend among urbanites. The reason for peoples' conversion to the pared-down look is "because more people are buying properties in buildings that were once warehouses, pubs or other commercial spaces — the style works well in large, open spaces with an industrial feel," explains Chinn.

No cost to comfort

You might be going for a lo-fi style but that doesn't mean your apartment has to be the interior equivalent of a hair shirt. "It's important to incorporate comfort into a utilitarian style," says the design director of Adrienne Chinn Design. "Put up custom-sized industrial landscape wall coverings next to brick walls or concrete flooring for some graphic color.

Dress large windows with some full-length silk curtains. The trick is to add tactile comfort with a utilitarian edge in the design."

Streamline with lines

Meticulously spic-and-span flats can read a little obsessive-compulsive, but the interiors expert sees it differently. "It's a clutter-free, edgy and modern look. Build in handle-less cupboards to stow away your stuff or bring in locker-style cupboards for a streetwise element," says Chinn. She adds, "It's perfect for the bachelor, the couple, or for a young family (lots of room to run around the flat). I've even known a couple regularly roller-skate around their industrial space."

Low-stress living

You don't have to be the fastidious type either, claims Chinn, aside from keeping your place tidy: "Floors are normally wood, tile, concrete or poured resin, which are easy to keep clean. However it's important to include area rugs to soften the edges of the look."

Old meets new

Just because you live in a period property doesn't mean that your decor has to remain a relic of the past. The expert says, "You can bring elements of the utilitarian look into older properties. Streamlined sectional

sofas and modern lighting look great with an old Persian carpet, modern art against a white wall and original architectural features like fireplaces and cornices all juxtapose superbly. It's all a matter of balance."

Let there be light

Industrial looks tend to evoke darkness and a masculine harshness, so it's important to flood the room with light as the designer reveals. "Good light, both natural and electric is vital for the look to work. Try adding decorative accent lighting along with hidden lighting to keep the room feeling airy and not oppressive."

Keep it quirky

There's absolutely no need for a stripped-down style to appear bland.

- **Be original, baby.** "Layering textures, such as leather and chrome furniture with long silk curtains, textural or graphic feature walls, will give your space some style clout," describes Chinn. "Mix edgy items with some distressed older pieces like modern dining chairs around a rustic farmhouse table." After all, it's the unexpected details that keep style original.

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Baseball

Encarnacion powers Jays over Yankees

Edwin Encarnacion hit two home runs for the Toronto Blue Jays in a 7-5 victory over the New York Yankees in spring training action on Wednesday.

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NFL

Lions sign Johnson to 8-year deal

The Detroit Lions have signed Calvin Johnson to a new eight-year contract worth up to \$132 million, making him the highest paid receiver in the NFL.

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Calvin Johnson
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NFL

Titans execs meet with Manning

A group of Tennessee Titans executives have returned to Nashville with Peyton Manning for a meeting with the free agent on the team's home turf. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tennis



his game."

Milos Raonic who suffered a hard-fought 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-4 loss to world No. 3 Roger Federer on Tuesday night.

"Things went well in the first set, but then he picked up

Crosby's return could give playoff picture a big shake

NHL. "They're obviously the best team in the league," says GM Sather of Pittsburgh with Crosby

There were a few jealous glances cast toward Pittsburgh GM Ray Shero.

News of Sidney Crosby's impending return to the Penguins lineup left Shero's colleagues wondering how much tougher the path to the Stanley Cup has become as they gathered in Florida for the NHL's general managers' meetings in Boca Raton, Fla.

"With him back, it's certainly going to make it a lot more difficult," New York Rangers GM Glen Sather said Wednesday after the meetings wrapped up.

Crosby is scheduled to see his first action since Dec. 5 when Pittsburgh (42-21-5) visits the Rangers at Madison Square Garden on Thursday night. New York (44-18-7) is currently the top seed in the Eastern Conference, six points up on the Penguins.

However, Crosby is rejoining a Pittsburgh team



Sidney Crosby's return adds one of the game's best to an already formidable Penguins lineup. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES FILE

that has won nine straight games and appears to be peaking just before the start of the playoffs. Adding the best player in hockey to that mix is a scary thing for opponents.

"It's not like they needed help," said Philadelphia Flyers GM Paul Holmgren.

Not only does his team face the Penguins three times before the end of the

regular season, they are also possible first-round opponents.

"Obviously, Pittsburgh over the last couple of years have been a tremendous team," he said. "There was a period of time last year where they had Sidney and Evgeni (Malkin) out and they still continued to march along. They're certainly one of the top teams in the East."

Crosby's absence dates back to January 2011, when he sustained blows to the head in consecutive games and was diagnosed with a concussion. He returned to the Penguins' lineup in November before suffering a setback in December that was linked to a soft tissue neck issue.

While acknowledging that his team found it easier

to face Pittsburgh without Crosby, New Jersey Devils GM Lou Lamoriello indicated that seeing No. 87 back will be a welcome sight.

"It's great that he's back," said Lamoriello. "He's certainly not only a great player, but he's a great personality in the game. He represents the game as well as anybody represents the game."

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Howard wants to finish season with Magic



Dwight Howard speaks to the media after Orlando's win over Miami on Monday. SAM GREENWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

The Orlando Magic entered their third meeting with the Miami Heat shrouded in uncertainty because of the unknown status of their biggest star.

Dwight Howard made a preseason request to be traded from the only team the former No. 1 pick has ever known, leaving fans wondering if every game could be his final one with in a Magic jersey.

But with the NBA's 3 p.m. EDT Thursday trade deadline fast approaching, Howard used the aftermath of a 24-point, 25-rebound performance in the Magic's 104-98 overtime victory over the

Opportunity

"We have to take a chance and I think we have a great chance to surprise a lot of people by winning."

Dwight Howard

Miami Heat Tuesday night to quell some of that uneasiness.

Howard took back his preseason request and said that he wanted to remain with the team for the remainder of the season.

"Well, I told those guys,

I've been telling them for the past two or three weeks now that I want to stay and finish the season," Howard said. "I told them I feel we have a great opportunity to win and I told them that I want to be here and I want to bring a championship here. I told them they've got to give me that chance. They didn't trade me at the beginning of the season and I told them I'd go out and play as hard as I could every night to put our team in a position to win."

It was the eighth 20-20 game of the season for Howard and 40th of his career.

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SPORTS

In brief

Coach of Knicks steps down

Mike D'Antoni resigned Wednesday as coach of the New York Knicks, whose brief resurgence in a wave of Linsanity quickly gave way to a late-season skid that puts them in danger of even making the NBA playoffs. Assistant coach Mike Woodson will serve as interim head coach. Never able to duplicate his success in Phoenix, D'Antoni was headed to his third losing season since signing a \$24 million, four-year contract in 2008 that made him one of the NBA's highest-paid coaches.

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A chance to rise after the collapse



THE HOCKEY NEWS

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Thanks to the Maple Leafs' free-fall through February, all that's left for their fans this year is the painfully familiar look ahead to the off-season, rather than the post-season. And one thing is a near-certainty: If general manager Brian Burke decides to trade what is looking like a top-end first-round draft pick for immediate help, Torontonians will be hauling out their torches and pitchforks and heading down en masse to the Air Canada Centre.

As it stands right now, the Leafs are neighbours with the dregs of the Eastern Conference, with no shot at the playoffs. The teams behind them in the standings — Carolina, the Islanders and Montreal — could leap past them before the end of the month or sooner. Edmonton and Columbus aren't likely to pass any Eastern team, but if Toronto continues on this dreadful pace and wins the NHL

Strategy

"In his three-and-a-half seasons in Toronto, Burke has tried the trade-for-a-franchise-cornerstone route.... It hasn't worked."

draft lottery, they could be looking at selecting anywhere in the top three. That would guarantee them the type of elite-level franchise forward they've been sadly lacking since Mats Sundin's heyday.

The problem is, the pressure Toronto faces to make the playoffs next season will be immense and could push Burke into dealing the pick for, say, a Rick Nash or Ryan Getzlaf, which would be a horrific mistake. As we've seen in the NHL's salary-cap era, teams do not willingly surrender franchise players under virtually any circumstances. In Pittsburgh, for example, they've found a way to keep Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, Jordan Staal and Marc-Andre Fleury — all four of whom were drafted, by the

way — among other key pieces. Teams keep stars, and that's something Burke miscalculated on.

The only way Burke can justify trading his pick is if he's able to move higher in the draft by doing so. To bring in Nash, Getzlaf or a similar player who, while accomplished, isn't in his early 20s, is to lose out on another opportunity to add a top talent in his late teens who will be the focal point of the Leafs' offence for years.

In his three-and-a-half seasons in Toronto, Burke has tried the trade-for-a-franchise-cornerstone route. With due respect to Phil Kessel and Dion Phaneuf, it hasn't worked. There is no player the Leafs can point to right now who can single-handedly impose his will on a game, the way Jonathan Toews can do in Chicago, or Malkin and Crosby do with the Penguins.

So, Burke has to hold on to the pick. Impatience has gotten Toronto nowhere to this point. You can't say a draft rebuild works every time, but it'd sure be nice to at least see the Leafs try it once before dismissing it.



Will Brian Burke be able to avoid the temptation of trading away top draft picks? ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

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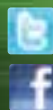
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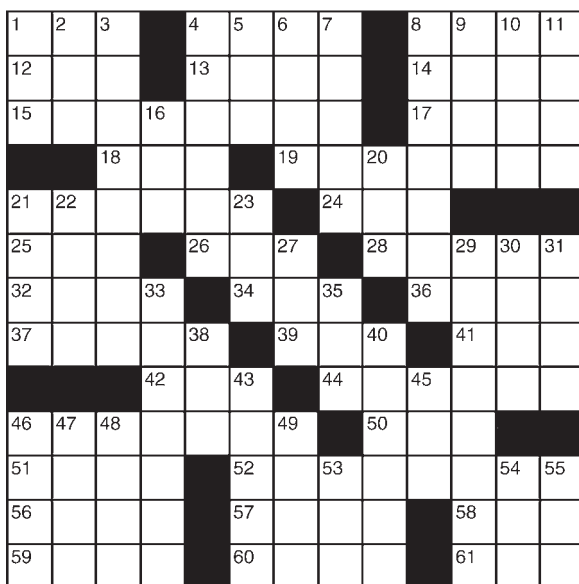
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4 Crooked
8 Implement
12 Tramcar contents
13 Decorative case
14 Unsightly
15 Relinquish the throne
17 Smile
18 Squid squirt
19 Big-time operator?
21 19-Across, e.g.
24 Chart format
25 "Eureka!"
26 Run-down horse
28 Financial adviser
32 Teeny bit
34 Deviate off course
36 Antitoxins
37 Dickinson output
39 Space
41 Water barrier
42 Suitable
44 Literary comparison
46 Last major battle site of WWII
50 Lobbyists' org.
51 Actress Sorvino
52 Suggest
56 Greatly
57 Dazzle
58 Driving site
59 Zilch
60 — -a-ling
61 Right angle

Down

1 Bygone bird
2 Sphere
3 Commit (to)
4 Signal, as with a nod



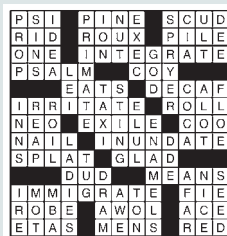
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6 "Phooey!"
7 Traffic jam
8 They're in for the long haul
9 Shrek is one
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22 Canton's place
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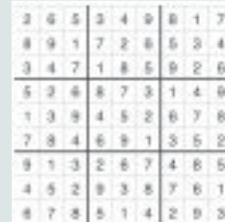
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Yesterday's answer



Send a kiss

- **Pie.** Thank you Pie, It's been awhile since I sent you some words to make you smile. You are always in my thoughts, so don't think that I forgot. I want you to know my love for you continues to grow. We've been together awhile, lets continue to make each other smile. I gave you my heart from the very start. A lot has changed, but our love still remains. See you tonight for pie! Love Muffinman
- **Rain Ramble.** why hello, sorry i've been tuned out of here lately ive been trying to stay away from the internet ... the first rule of being stong = dont cry when ppl tease you..lol. i dont know how to make this all better so i guess ill shut up.From Denny
- **The Love of My Life.** I loved you so much when we were together. The day we broke up my heart shattered. It was a rough time getting it pieced together again. It's never fully gotten there. I love you and miss you always. One day maybe you'll come back.Broken hearted
- **JohnDoe.** I Love And Miss You SOO Much!!! i cant wait to see you <3 xoxo Your Lover Jane

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Don't expect rivals to play fairly but that's OK because you have no intention of playing fairly either!

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Let others know what is on your mind. You should really be this direct more often.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You are in an impulsive mood at the moment and common sense is unlikely to be a factor in your thinking. Don't gamble your rep.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Put your own needs first today and ignore those who say you should be more careful. Be more adventurous — all the time!

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. It's not like you to have doubts but something is tormenting you more than it should. Focus on the positive.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

If you act on every piece of advice you get today, you won't get much done. You might as well ignore it.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Assert yourself today and let colleagues and employers know you have what it takes to earn a promotion. Shine bright.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You may have big plans but do they stand a realistic chance of success? That is the question.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Today is decision day as far as a work-related matter is concerned. Make your choice.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

You will be in a fault-finding mood today. You just can't keep from pointing others' mistakes.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

Look for time-saving and energy-saving shortcuts today — there's plenty of them waiting to be used.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

You don't care how many egos might get bruised, you have things to say and they cannot wait any longer. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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Sale Prices from Friday March 16th - Thursday March 22nd, 2012

All items while quantities last • Prices subject to change • We reserve the right to limit quantities • No rain checks